

(h) Each applicant for a merchant mariner's document shall comply with the NDR requirements in § 12.02-4(d).

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§ 12.02-10 Applications for documents from aliens.

(a) No application from an alien for a certificate of service, certificate of efficiency, certificate of identification, continuous discharge book, or merchant mariner's document shall be accepted unless the alien presents acceptable documentary evidence from the United States US Citizenship and Immigration Services that he is lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence.

(b) This evidence may be in the form of an alien registration receipt card issued by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services bearing the certification that the alien was admitted to the United States as an immigrant, or a declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States issued by a naturalization court.

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§ 12.02-11 General provisions respecting merchant mariners' documents.

(a) As provided in § 12.02-5, every certificate of service, certificate of efficiency, or certificate of identification issued or reissued shall be in the form of a merchant mariner's document, Coast Guard Form CG-2838.

(b) Any licensed officer or unlicensed seaman currently holding, in a valid status, any of the documents listed in paragraph (a) of this section may, upon request and without examination, be issued a merchant mariner's document.

(c) A merchant mariner's document shall be a certificate of service authorizing the holder to serve in any rating endorsed thereon, or in any lower rating in the same department, or in any rating covered by a general endorsement thereon.

(d)(1) A merchant mariner's document issued to a licensed deck officer

will be endorsed for, *any unlicensed rating in the deck department, except able seaman*, and will be a certificate of service authorizing the holder to serve in any unlicensed capacity in the deck department, except able seaman, without being required to present his license. If a licensed deck officer qualifies as able seaman, the merchant mariner's document will be endorsed, *any unlicensed rating in the deck department, including able seaman*, and such endorsement will be deemed to include a certificate of efficiency as lifeboatman.

(2) A merchant mariner's document issued to an engineer officer licensed for inspected vessels of over 2,000 horsepower, will be endorsed for *any unlicensed rating in the engine department*, and will be a certificate of service authorizing the holder to serve in any unlicensed capacity in the engine department without being required to present his license. If a licensed engineer qualifies as a lifeboatman, the further endorsement, *lifeboatman*, will be placed on the merchant mariner's document.

(3) A merchant mariner's document issued to a licensed radio officer will be endorsed as follows: *See License as Radio Officer*. If a licensed radio officer qualifies as a lifeboatman, the further endorsement, *Lifeboatman*, will be placed on the merchant mariner's document. Qualifications for other ratings for which a radio officer is eligible may also be endorsed on the document.

(e)(1) A merchant mariner's document issued to a staff officer will be endorsed as follows: *See Certificate of Registry*. The holder of a certificate of registry as chief purser, purser, senior assistant purser, or junior assistant purser, may also serve in any capacity in the staff department not requiring a certificate of registry without obtaining an additional endorsement on his merchant mariner's document.

(2) The authorized holder of any valid merchant mariner's document, however endorsed, may serve in any capacity in the staff department of a vessel, except in those capacities requiring registered staff officers: *Provided*, That whenever such service includes the handling of food no person may be so employed unless his document bears